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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendments and these remarks are in response to the Office action mailed on April 28, 2010. Claims 17, 19, 26 and 29 have been amended. Claims 18 and 33-35 have been canceled. Claims 36-54 have been added and are directed to subject matter as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 17, 19-32 and 36-54 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration on the basis of the above amendments and remarks below is kindly requested.

The Examiner objected to claims 18, 19, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31 and 32, but stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant does not believe that these claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Nevertheless, claim 18 was dependent from 17. Claim 17 is now amended to include the limitations of claim 18. In addition, the term "exposure phase" was changed to "exposure pause" to correct a typographical error in original claim 17. Thus, applicant submits that claim 17 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 19-25 are all directly or indirectly dependent from claim 17. As such, applicant submits that claims 19-25 are also in condition for allowance as being dependent from an allowable base claim and for the additional limitations that claims 19-25 contain therein.

Claim 31 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 40, including all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 32 has been rewritten as claim 41 to be dependent from claim 40. Thus, applicant submits that claims 40 and 41 are also in condition for allowance.

Claim 26 is now amended to require that the apparatus includes a light trap. Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. S102(b) as being anticipated by Collier, U.S. Patent No. 5,636,001. Collier does not appear to disclose a light trap. Thus, applicant submits that claim 26 as now

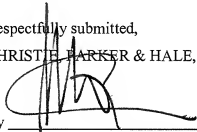
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amended is not anticipated by Collier. Claims 27-32 are all directly or indirectly dependent from claim 26. As such, applicant submits that claims 27-32 are also anticipated by Collier for the same reasons that Collier does not anticipate claim 26, and for the additional limitations that claims 27-32 contain therein.

Claims 42-54 have been added and also require a light trap. As discussed, Collier does not appear to disclose a light trap, nor does Jacument, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0147049. Thus, applicant submits that claims 42-54 are also allowable over Collier and Jacument.

The rejections and objections to the claim pending in this application is believed to have been overcome and this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns about the allowability of this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss them.

Respectfully submitted,
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